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In order to protect the rights of all classes of people in the newly liberated cities, the following decree is hereby proclaimed:

Article 1

People of all classes in the cities and their property will be protected against violation.

Article 2

All factories, shops, companies, enterprises, and banks established with private capital, together with granaries, treasuries, and warehouses shall be protected; the right to carry on business as usual shall not be violated.

Article 3

All industrial and commercial enterprises, banks, and depositories formerly managed by the Nationalist Government shall await investigation and disposition. Those enterprises definitely established with bureaucratic capital will be confiscated by the Democratic Government. Those operated by capital belonging to the people shall remain in private possession and will not be confiscated; whether or not such an enterprise will hereafter be operated in partnership with the Democratic Government, or operated entirely by private management, rests upon the option of the original owner. However, pending disposition by the Democratic Government, all employees of enterprises should continue to discharge their duties and be responsible for the protection of the machinery, capital, goods, accounts, records, and other documents. They shall not damage, destroy, or remove them. Anyone who sabotages or destroys them will be punished. The Democratic Government will permit employees who protect the property of enterprises to continue their employment, and during such employment, their salaries and wages will be paid as usual.

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Article 4.

It is not permitted in any city to damage the installations and equipment of power plants, public water supply, postal or telegraph offices, railways, public motor buses, trolley cars, fire department, any communication facilities, local government offices, schools, educational institutions, libraries, museums, hospitals, parks, playgrounds, and athletic fields, cultural and health equipment, temples, mosques, charitable institutions, or premises related to the people's welfare and religious faith. The personnel of any of these organizations, institutions or groups, whether a director, manager, staff member, technician, laborer, school principal, instructor, or student are expected to continue their work as usual under the protection of the Democratic Government.

Article 5

The officials and functionaries of any Nationalist Government office in a province, hsien, or municipality, of whatever rank, and the police or local peace-preservation officers of towns, villages, and rural districts who make no armed resistance and carry out no sabotage or destructive action will not be arrested or imprisoned. They will be responsible for the preservation of the property and records of the agency to which they are related, and, while awaiting disposition by the Democratic Government, shall not neglect their duties or cause any disturbances.

Article 6

Full protection will be given to the churches of all nationalities and their attached personnel, including all foreigners and their property, provided they observe the orders of the Democratic Government and refrain from creating any disturbance or conceal war criminals.

Article 7

The Northeast Executive Committee calls upon all officers and soldiers of the Nationalist forces hidden among the people to surrender and present themselves to any unit of the People's Army of Liberation or the local government. Any who thus surrender voluntarily and submit their weapons will not be prosecuted and may be considered for a reward. Those who delay their surrender will be dealt with severely. Those who harbor and do not report such combatants shall be duly punished.

Article 8

From the day the People's Army of Liberation and the Democratic Government enter a city, the use of all forms of Nationalist currency then in circulation, including Northeast notes, fapi, customs gold notes, and gold yuan notes shall be discontinued. The use of notes issued by the Northeast Bank of the Northeast Liberated Area only shall be permitted.

The Northeast Executive Committee is the highest government authority of the people of the Northeast, and its duty is to protect the life, property, and democratic rights of the people. After the date of proclamation, those who disobey these articles will be prosecuted without leniency. Everyone should conduct his daily life and his business as usual. Do not listen to rumors or be alarmed. Maintain peace and order by concerted action and united strength.

(signed)

Lin Feng, Chairman  
Chang Hsueh-suei, Vice-chairman  
Kao Ch'ung-min, Vice-chairman

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